GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Loss due to Flood
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether floods alone claimed 850 lives and over 1.2 crore people spread across 112 districts in 12 States were affected during the rainy season in 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to have a permanent mechanism to deal with such calamities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d): Various parts of the country have been affected by natural calamities including heavy rains and floods in 2016. The details of the losses due to natural calamities during 2016, as reported by the State Governments/ Union Territories, are at Annexure.

With regard to permanent mechanism to deal with calamities, it is stated that the primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the
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States. The subject of flood management being under purview of the States, the schemes for flood control are formulated and implemented by concerned States as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and also promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. The Central Government also supports the Plan Scheme 'Flood Management Programme', which is implemented by the State Water Resources Departments. It seeks to improve the existing disaster management practices, mitigation and control to reduce the adverse impact of floods and erosion control works in the country.

Further, it is mentioned that there are well established permanent institutional mechanisms at the National, State and district levels for effective management of natural calamities. The strengthening of the disaster management is a continuing process of the governance. The measures as taken by the Government of India and the State Governments are expected to improve the existing disaster management practices including the preparedness, mitigation & control and are further expected to minimize the losses and effect of natural disaster including flood in the country.

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